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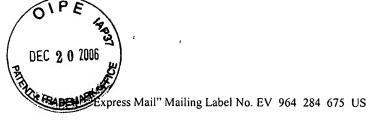
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections to this Application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following amendments and remarks.